

I would encourage the FCC to reject requests to copy-protect broadcast television. As has become clear through the RIAA processes, copy protection is easily broken, and it generally serves to increase the hassle, technical difficulties, and frustration of the viewing public. This scheme would likely slow even further adoption of HD technologies by viewers, as said adoption is currently limited mostly to technically savvy users (who are coincidentally the most likely to react negatively, and strongly, to copy protection). The protection will drive up costs on equipment, and will generally make the broadcast material less accessible to viewers if they lose the ability to timeshift.